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THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Girls Who Attended Mrs. Sterrett's School in 1870.

The issue of the News of the 9th, we published the recollections of the boys who attended Mrs. Sterrett's school during the winter of 1870. In this article we promised to tell the girls in our next issue business calling us away from the matter has been neglected.

Persons have had such an experience as Mrs. Sterrett—that teaching the primary pupils down for a period of thirty years, and that in the same

Unlike many others who grown old in the work of teaching with a broken down nervous system, and an irritable temper, Mrs. Sterrett, to the end of her last work, maintained a firmness of temperament

consecrated love for her pupils to such a degree that memories cherished in the hearts of hundreds of pupils, the greatest of whom have grown to old age and womanhood, while the number, are found in the parents of the sunny faced children now taking their initial steps under the successful tutelage of Mrs. Sterrett's grand-daughter, Miss Elsie Greathouse.

Her schools numbered between 60 and 75 pupils ranging in ages from two to eight or ten, there was nothing in the personality of the good old lady that commanded respect and obedience. Her play ground was marked off by an imaginary line extending from the house across a back to an imaginary point; west to the fence; beyond the line in summer were trees with tempting plums and but seldom did any one dare cross.

She was kind but firm in the administration of discipline. For any offences she had a light paddle, and a smart rap of that across the palm of the offender returned hand of the offender

strong argument in favor of peace. Across the hall was a table to which more serious offences were placed in solitary confinement. No penitentiary ever had a more wholesome effect on the boys. On one occasion, a boy whose name we will not mention was banished to the cellar.

Whether the boy's disposition was good or not, Mrs. Sterrett afterwards to her chargin the boy had swallowed a jar of pickle cucumber pickles while in there.

Something that Mrs. Sterrett did not tolerate was that any of her pupils should spit on the floor. George Reischer had not spit in school long the first time when he thoughtlessly did. Up went the hand of Sadie Dunlap.

"Mrs. Sterrett, Mrs. Sterrett." "What is it, Sadie?" "George Reischer, he spit on the floor."

Mrs. Sterrett, saw no evidence of the accusation; for George's hand found its way over the door, and he was studying a B C book, looking as if he were a Presbyterian owl.

An impression was made on the Steach one morning that he was to remain. His brother, who was delegated to introduce the new teacher into Mrs. Sterrett's school to encourage Charlie to make a good beginning Sam carried a good beginning lath. The fun in the lath was all right; but when the lath was being used, the other children were going into the room, Sam was just in time to use his lath on the person of Charlie who was disappearing over the blue gate, and breaking for the door.

There are the girls referred to—

Anna Linn, daughter of Rev. Mrs. H. Linn, formerly of the E. church, left this place for her parents several years ago and is now dead.

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of the primary school of this place, and after a few years of successful school work, married Dr. J. G. Hanks and with her husband has a delightful home at Rays Hill, Bedford county.

Emma Pott, daughter of the late Col. James Pott, went with her father to Illinois, where she married a gentleman named Goady.

Nettie Dickson, youngest daughter of the late Hon. and Mrs. Mark Dickson, is the wife of Ex-Senator W. S. Alexander, and lives in this place.

Annie Rowe removed with her father's family to Altoona, where she died a few years ago. Sarah, her sister, also died in the same city recently.

Maggie Porter, daughter of the late Hon. Jere W. Porter, went several years ago with her father and family to Wellington, Kansas, where she married and has a pleasant home of her own.

Alice Batdorff, daughter of the late William Batdorff, is married to Allison Brant, of Licking Creek township, and enjoying life on a farm.

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THE REUNION.

One of the Most Successful Efforts yet Made by that Body.

The Annual Soldiers' Reunion at Sloan's Hill, Ayr township, last Friday was one of the most successful of the many similar occasions that organization has yet held. Notwithstanding the somewhat heated condition of the atmosphere, the weather was favorable, and at an early hour, the roads leading to the grove were lined with all manner of vehicles that run on wheels and the grove, which contains about nine acres, was literally jammed.

There was abundant provision made for the appetites of the visiting veterans—both dinner and supper—and to one who arrived on the ground about noon and witnessed the hundreds of merry groups, representing every part of the county, as they were gathered around snow-white spreads covered with an abundance of fried chicken, potato chips, deviled eggs, rolls, salmon, melons, and iced tea, the impression might have been made that the whole county had come together to break a long fast.

With the exception of the absence of the "foreigners" who had been billed to speak, the exercises were conducted much as laid down in the program published in the papers.

A glee club composed of Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Miss Emily Greathouse, Mrs. George W. Reischer, and Dr. Ed Smith, Dr. I. N. Garthwaite and George W. Reischer rendered a number of national songs much to the delight of those who heard them. Prof. Stohrer was there from the S. O. school at Scotland and led the music in a masterly manner with his cornet.

Then the McConnellsburg cornet band was there all day, and at intervals lent such inspiration to the crowd as only a good band can do.

Addresses were made by Rev. S. B. Houston, Captain Skinner, T. Elliott Patterson, D. H. Patterson, John T. Laley, Dr. Dalbey, and John P. Sipes.

Patriotic recitations, highly appreciated, were rendered by Master Reed Ray and Miss Mary Skinner.

The Reunion next year will be held on the Camp Grounds at Crystal Springs. This time to be arranged by the committee.

For the ensuing year the following officers were elected:

President—Amos Hixson.
Vice President—James G. Ken dall and B. A. Deavor.

Secretary—David Malloy.
Treasurer—D. T. Fields.
Chaplain—Rev. S. B. Houston.
Quartermaster—Wm. Waters.

There were about two hundred veterans present, and the crowd was estimated at 2,500.

LADIES.

James Clevenger and John Speck, who had spent the past week at their respective homes, and Mrs. Albert Clevenger, of Pittsburg, who spent the past month with the family of her father-in-law, Hiram Clevenger, left for Pittsburg on Monday morning by way of Bedford Springs.

May Laidig returned to Chambersburg Monday by way of Huntingdon.

Mrs. Maria Laidig is in poor health.

Those of our people who have peaches are putting them away—canning, drying, and selling them.

Ross Johnson, Lena and Luemina Laidig, returned home Saturday evening after a week's outing.

Lydia Mumma has gone to Chicago to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Will Horton.

May Mumma has returned from Kearney, where she spent the summer.

Why do you wait? Subscribe for the NEWS to-day. Nearly all your neighbors take it.

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK.

Hon. J. T. Richards Writes of this Famous Summer Resort.

As I promised to write you a short letter for publication from this place, I will proceed by saying that any one passing over the Mountain here on the railroad only, will have a very faint conception of the magnitude of this great and rapidly growing summer resort.

Mountain Lake is three miles west of Deer Park, and far over shadows it, while Deer Park is of small area, containing one large hotel and a few cottages—Mountain Lake contains five large hotels with a capacity of handling over a hundred guests each. Then, there are over two hundred cottages, nearly all of which entertain pleasure seekers to this place; and you will, no doubt, be surprised when I say that they all—hotels and cottages—have been overrun with visitors and guests to this rapidly growing Chautauqua Assembly, and summer resort. The Hotel Chautauqua, at which I have been stopping (owned and conducted by my son, Rev. T. D. Richards) has had to turn off a hundred or more applicants for want of room to accommodate them.

It is said that the population here is nearly 5,000 during the summer season; and many remain during the year. They have here one of the finest auditoriums in the country—just dedicated this summer, with a seating capacity of five thousand; besides the old auditorium which they have outgrown; and the hall of Philosophy, which is used for Chautauqua, and all literary and scientific study. They have a well furnished book store containing all books thought desirable for a resort of this kind. The public building and all the surroundings, the drive-ways, and the beautiful little groves surrounding the cottages are lighted up at night by electricity.

This Park contains 800 acres of land on the very summit of the Allegheny mountains, 2800 feet above the sea level; and what is strangest of all, is that away up here above the clouds (many times) is a very considerable lake made up from a spring flowing out of the crest of the mountain, and emptying into the Youghiogheny river. This lake is much used by visitors for boating and fishing. This has been the most successful season in the history of the park. This large auditorium just mentioned cost \$8,000 to build; and after paying all expenses of carrying out the most extensive and expensive program of the Chautauqua Assembly just closed, they had \$1000 left to pay on the new auditorium.

I will not tax your space nor patience in describing the many amusing and interesting scenes, and the many eloquent and instructive lectures on different topics; but I hope you will pardon my referring to one of the closing scenes of the program yesterday. A joint debate on "expansion" was arranged early in the month, between J. P. Dooliver, of Iowa, and Champ Clark, of Missouri, two of the best political orators in our country. But on yesterday morning a great cloud—a dark one—hovered over this Assembly, when a dispatch was received by Dr. Dawson, president of the assembly, that owing to circumstances beyond his control, he could not be here. Dr. Dawson immediately telegraphed to General Grosvenor, at Washington, to come to fill Dooliver's place. And after an exchange of dispatches, the General consented to come, and the cloud lifted and bright smiles appeared. Well, the joint debate came off in due time. Clark led off with one hour and a quarter, Clark winding up with a quarter of an hour. It was a battle of giants, but before the discussion was over it was agreed by many "that even a greater than Dooliver was here." General Grosvenor is supposed to be nearer to the McKinley administration than any man in the party, and he upheld it with a mighty and irresistible power evoking overwhelming enthusiasm. Later in the evening the G. A. R. campfire came off on the hill at the old auditorium; and, still later, a grand display of fire works at the lake which closed the Chautauqua season for 1900; yet many will remain here during the fall.

SOUTH PENN AGAIN TALKED OF

Rumors that it may be Built by Andrew Carnegie Within the next Three Years.

Of the rumors of new railroads projected to tap different parts of Western Pennsylvania that have gained newspaper circulation recently, one of the most plausible, says the Connellsville Courier, is the extension of the Carnegie ore road, otherwise known as the Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie.

The Carnegie road will not stop in the coke region, it is said. It will be remembered that Andrew Carnegie was one of the promoters and leaders in the South Penn railroad, the projection and smothering of which has occupied so much space in railroad history during the last 15 years. On a recent visit to Pittsburg he said that the South Penn road was sold out by the Vanderbilts through the pressure made on them by the Pennsylvania people as a matter of self preservation, but that the South Penn scheme was so good a one that it would still be carried out some day. Well, there is no constitutional barrier to the Carnegie road being extended from Connellsville region to the seaboard, tapping the rich territory through which the South Penn was surveyed, paralleling it where it cannot use the original survey. It is said that it is a nice question of law as to whether or not the charter of the South Penn, which is controlled by the Pennsylvania and the Vanderbilts, will control the question of the right of eminent domain for another road which wants the right of way for actual rather than obstructive utility.

It is not among the improbabilities, therefore, that the Carnegie road will be extended to the seaboard, with a terminus either at a navigable point for deep sea vessels on the Potomac or on the shores of Chesapeake bay, within the next three years.

WHIPS COVE.

Mrs. Abner Mellett is suffering from nervous prostration. She has scarcely strength enough to enable her to walk. She is a sister of Mrs. James Sipes of your town, and of Mrs. James Daniels, of Licking Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Garland spent Sunday with Mr. Garland's uncle, Mr. Will Mellett, near Warfordsburg. On their return they stopped to see his uncle, David Winters, and found him very poorly.

Mrs. Rebecca Engle, who has been visiting her son, Will, in Thompson township, returned home Saturday with her son, Reuben, who attended the Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Engle and their two little boys are visiting friends in the Cove. We are always glad to see Billy back in the Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brabson who went to Connellsville last spring came back to the Cove last week. Mrs. Brabson will spend a short time visiting relatives at Berkeley.

Buckwheat is a pretty fair crop in the Cove.

A number of our people attended the reunion, and others went to the festival at May's Chapel Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ellen Boor left Monday for St. Johns Run to visit her sister, Mrs. Ed True.

IN MEMORIAM.

The infant department of the Presbyterian Sabbath school of McConnellsburg are the glad recipients of an organ for the primary room, the gift of Miss Mollie Seyler, of Pittsburg, in memory of her sister, Edith, the former owner.

The News office is turning out some dandy sale bills. Send in your order.

MARRIED IN HASTE.

A Matrimonial Advertisement Did It.

A short time ago Mrs. Ida Heinbaugh, nee McClucas, of Ayr township, saw the advertisement of Michael Stael, in which he stated that he was very anxious to marry, and would correspond toward that end with some one equally interested.

Believing that "delays are dangerous," she lost no time in replying—and the result was the arrival of the aforesaid gentleman in Fulton county.

We are told that "a maiden is sometimes charming; a widow, always." The end of this romantic courtship is no denial of this assertion.

Unheeding the elder Weller's advice, to Sam, "beware of widowers," he promptly escorted Mrs. Heinbaugh to town, purchased a license, and on the same day at the home of Rev. Lewis Chambers, became the husband of a woman he had never seen until the day before. The groom is from Pittsburg, and is a widower with seven children. Mrs. Heinbaugh has four "in her own right," making a total of eleven. No one can accuse this couple of starting "empty-handed." Mr. Stael returned to his home Saturday, following the wedding, but will return at an early date, when his wife will make sale of her effects and go with him to the "Smoky City."

We have no remarks to make on the above plan of selecting a partner for life. In these days of "touch the button" progress, we may expect to see an economy of time applied, even in courting—a period so delightful to many as to lead to unnecessary delay and postponement; but the question as to whether the surplus time should be employed before, or after marriage, is one altogether too momentous for even a Fulton county editor to decide.

We admire the brave souls who are the star actors in this drama (?) and hope at some far future day, we may add—"and they lived happily together forever afterward."

OUR BOYS WIN.

Courtesy of the Fulton Republican.

On Saturday morning Captain McDonough arrived in town from New Grenada, with his aggregation of Bryan ball tossers to defeat our McKinley boys. To accomplish this they brought with them the famous Delaney brothers, Robertsdale's crack battery, but they did not know that our boys were waiting with their long bats to do some heavy hitting, nor did they know that our boys had a pitcher in the person of N. Wagner, who has speed that would win admiration from Rusie and an assortment of curves that would cause Cy Young to blush. He was invincible and had them at his mercy.

The game was too much one-sided to be very interesting, for the visitors were outplayed at every stage and never had a chance to win. The features of the game were the good all-around playing of the home team, the playing of Grissinger for the visitors and the pitching of Wagner, struck out ten men and allowed but one man a check to first base. The visitors conducted themselves in a gentlemanly manner, but concluded that seven innings were enough for them. The order of batting was as follows:

McConnellsburg. New Grenada.
Nace, ss. Grissinger, 2b.
Patterson, 3b. J. B. McClain, cf.
Smith, lf. Joe Delaney, c.
Thompson, c. Mills, 1b.
Dalbey, 2b. S. Alloway, 3b.
Bender, cf. Hall Delaney, p.
Steach, 1b. E. A. Alloway, lf.
Wagner, p. John McClain, ss.
Jackson, rf. Brown, rf.

Score by innings:
McConnellsburg 3 5 3 1 6 6—29
New Grenada 1 0 1 1 3 0—8

Time of game, 2 hours and 15 minutes. Attendance 400. Umpire, Rodday.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. D. J. Mellett, of Ayr township is visiting friends in Illinois.

Joseph Fisher and family, of Bethel township, are visiting friends in Illinois.

Miss Margaret Daniels, of Licking Creek township, is spending this week in town.

James M. Chesnut, Hustontown's popular auctioneer, spent a day in town last week.

Mrs. R. M. Hill, of Adams county, is visiting her sister, Miss Libbie V. Hess, of this place.

Ex-Sheriff Jere Mason and wife, of Hancock, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Our old friend Adam Long, near Knobsville, dropped in to see us a minute Tuesday morning.

John Covatt, who has been spending several months at Johnstown, has returned to Thompson township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin B. Fisher, of Gem, spent part of last week at the Granger's picnic at Williams' Grove.

Alex Hamill, of Franklin county, was an early caller at this office last Friday morning on his way to the Reunion.

Mr. H. H. Deshong and daughters, Anna and Ross, attended the Reunion spent Friday night with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Cline and family of near Greencastle, spent a week recently among friends and relatives in this county.

Mr. W. E. Bivens, one of Wells Valley's veterans, gave the News office a pleasant call while down attending the reunion.

Miss Mary Hazel Skinner, of Big Cove Tannery, was the guest of Miss Lois A. Caldwell a few days during the past week.

S. Edward McKee, Amaranth's obliging merchant, spent last Thursday night at McConnellsburg, and attended the Reunion Friday.

Rev. George W. Shimer and family, of Frankstown, Blair county, are spending a couple of weeks visiting relatives and friends here.

Superintendent and Mrs. Clem Chesnut took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kirk at the home of the latter in this place, last Saturday.

Dr. W. F. Teeter and daughters, Stella and Leona, of Chambersburg, drove over to this place and spent a day or two among friends last week.

Mr. J. L. Grissinger, of Wells Valley, brought the New Grenada base ball team to McConnellsburg Saturday last and spent the day in town.

Misses Jennie and Lottie Little, and Mr. Dell McCune, of Mercersburg, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Davy Little, of this place.

Miss Angelina Hoffmier, of Jeanett, Pa., a daughter of Rev. Hoffmier, a former pastor of the Reformed church at this place, is visiting Mrs. M. V. Cromer.

Harvey Richards, of the Corner and Miss Mollie Hendershot spent Sunday a week in Mercersburg. Miss Mollie remained over there to visit friends a week or two.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson, of Webster Mills, last Saturday returned to the Industrial school at Scotland to enter upon another year's work as instructor in that institution.

Edward Reischer, of this place, returned to Shippensburg Monday morning to enter upon his senior year's work at the Cumberland Valley state normal school.

F. McNaughton Johnston, Esq., of the census department, Washington, D. C., spent a few days during the past week looking after his Fulton county interests. He returned to Washington Tuesday.

Miss May Sheets, after a pleasant vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets in this place, returned last week to her work as a teacher in the S. O. school at Chester Springs.

Charles Stevens, of Taylor township, has entered the store of J. K. Johnston, of this place, with a view to familiarizing himself with the details of the mercantile business. Charlie is a courteous and obliging young gentleman, and will no doubt prove useful help.

Miss Florence Cromer and her brother, Jerry, of Fort Littleton, spent part of a day with Mrs. M. V. Cromer, of this place, as they were on their way back to the Scotland Industrial School. Miss Blanche Cromer is spending the last week of her vacation with Mrs. M. V. Cromer.

Miss Mollie Seyler returns to-day (Thursday) to her work at the pension office at Pittsburg after a pleasant vacation of two weeks. Miss Mollie has not lost any of her interest in church work since she has been away from McConnellsburg, as was evidenced during her visit here by her donating to the primary department of the Presbyterian Sunday school of this place an excellent organ.